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- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] except for disputes at the Municipal Dock at Rachawong and at the Government Tobacco Monopoly Factory, the labor front in Thailand was generally peaceful.
2. At the Municipal Dock, Thai and Chinese workers are in disagreement over wage allowances which vary with nationality. The City of Bangkok has also ordered an increased levy on incoming barges which has tended to increase the existing ill feeling. Peera Bunnag, the representative of the Municipality, has conferred with labor leaders of both Thai and Chinese unions without reaching a satisfactory settlement. The situation is sufficiently serious to possibly lead to an outbreak of violence.
3. The Government Tobacco Monopoly Factory workers have voted to extend their lunch hour. This action is in protest against a management order which prohibits rest periods longer than 15 minutes. The factory management has issued only one rest permit card for every three employees assigned to a rolling machine. This insures the services of at least two laborers on a machine at all times. No settlement of the dispute at the factory has yet been reached.

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